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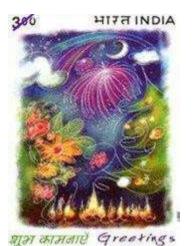
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Just as the Sun illuminates all regions of the earth equally, so too does God shower his infinite love, equally on all.

Welcome to the Spiritual Bee's collection of Amazing God Quotes!

"What is evident in this world is the endless procession of moving things; but what is to be realized, is the Supreme Truth by which this world is permeated."

- Rabindranath Tagore

We have all, at one time or another, found ourselves wondering: Who is God? If God truly exists, then who created Him? Is there only one God or are there many? Why did God create this world?

It would be easy to dismiss these questions as idle musings, were it not for the fact that, the idea of God, is the one grand idea that has consistently persisted throughout human history — an idea that has arisen independently in the minds of nations and civilizations, isolated from one another by insurmountable geography, for the greater part of history.

For such a belief to have doggedly persisted for at least 3,000 years, helping ferry countless billions across the waters of life, there must be some Truth in it.

- "Gladness is the one criterion of Truth, and we know when we have touched Truth by the joy of greeting it sends forth."
- Rabindranath Tagore

In this amazing collection of God Quotes, I have endeavored to unveil the rational Truths behind the existence of God.

These answers are not to be construed as religious dogmas, conjectures, or philosophies of certain people, rather they represent the Highest Truths, experienced by countless teachers in the various states of meditation.

Readers will find these answers to be not only logical and rational but also congruent with modern day scientific understanding of the Universe.

God Quotes and Sayings by Topic

To get the most out of our God quotes, I have categorized them in a question and answer format. These sayings about God are best read sequentially from top to bottom.

- 1. Who is God?
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I hope these beautiful quotes about God illuminate your soul and fill you mind with everlasting peace, joy and strength.

Who is God?

Just as the Soul is the reality underlying the conscious powers of an individual, so is the Supreme Soul (God), the eternal quiet underneath the drive and activity of the universe.

A Sanskrit quote on God from the Upanishads (dating 800 BC); as translated by S. Radhakrishnan (1888-1975), the second President of India, in his book "The Principal Upanishads".

God is the Soul of all souls – The Supreme Soul – The Supreme Consciousness. S. Radhakrishnan (1888-1975).

The universe is founded in consciousness and guided by it. The final reality is Universal Consciousness (God). This Supreme Consciousness is Omnipresent i.e. present everywhere. Its evolutionary powers pervade the entire Universe. All processes of Nature are governed by the laws of this Absolute Force.

A Sanskrit quote from the Aitareya Upanishad, beautifully explained by Shriram Sharma Acharya (1911-1990).

As the web issues out of the spider, As plants sprout from the earth, As hair grows from the body, even so, The sages say, this universe springs from, The deathless Self (the Supreme Soul), the source of life.

Eknath Easwaran (1910-1999) translating a verse from the Mundaka Upanishad, in his enchanting and must read book "The Dhammapada".

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To say that God has "created" the Universe is not entirely scientific. Because for creating something I need matter. So I exist and matter exists separately.

But from where has matter come into being? Who has created matter? So there should be another existence. It is not possible for two existences to live together. There can be only one existence. So the correct statement is that all this is a manifestation of the Lord.

It is He who manifests as both matter and consciousness. There is no place where God is

not. In every atom, in every living being He alone is present.

A quote about God, compiled from the teachings of Swami Rama.

This universe has not been created by any outside God, nor is it the work of any outside genius – self-creating, self-dissolving, self-manifesting, it is one infinite existence.

This means that God is not a third-party, he is both the Creator and at the same time within all Creation. God is immanent in the whole universe. It is He who manifests as the visible Universe, the invisible Universe (Gravitational, Electro-magnetic and Nuclear Forces along with Dark Matter) and Consciousness.

Since everything emanates from God, he is the embodied principle in every being. Each one of us is made from God. *Tat twam asi* – "You are That One" who is eternally blissful, that one principle manifesting itself as this variety of Creation.

Adapted from the teachings of Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902).

The truth of the matter is that God is present in all forms of Creation. As holy rivers, mighty mountains, the majestic ocean, the magnificent lion, the beautiful peacock, the crow flapping its wings, the restless flame and the still stars – in all this He is present.

Gross and subtle, pure and mixed, simple and complex – in the end that there is no place where God is not. In every atom, He alone is present. From the ant to the universe, He spreads. The Lord who cares equally for all, the compassionate one who is all knowledge, tenderness, skill, holiness and beauty – He stands on all sides everywhere.

Vinoba Bhave (1895-1982), translating the profound teachings of the *Bhagavad Gita* – one of the world's best known books on spirituality, which served as the prime source of inspiration for Mahatma Gandhi.

Who Created God?

God is the "Self-Existent Reality", which means that He exists without ever having been created. His existence is independent of any sustaining force. Into Him matter, space, time and consciousness converge.

Science tells us that something cannot be created out of nothing. Before the Universe came into existence, before the big bang that created space itself, was the Final Absolute Reality – God.

He is never born, never dies, without beginning or end, eternal and infinite. Through all times, past, present and future, He remains the same. The origin and dissolution of the Universe is all within him. Nothing exists without his existence. He is everything. Adapted from the teachings of Swami Rama on the *Bhagavad Gita*.

What is God Like?

God is Infinite. He alone is the final reality of the Universe. Within Him reside the individual souls, the various personal Gods, Prophets and the material Universe (stars and galaxies). God therefore cannot be conceived in human terms, he cannot be thought of as a greatly magnified person, because it is impossible to describe the One who is Infinite.

The human mind can only comprehend some of God's attributes (supreme peace, infinite love, and the all-knowledgeable), but to be able to fully describe the Ultimate Reality is impossible. All we can say is that God alone is the final Truth, the final Reality, beyond which nothing else exists. He encompasses everything.

Readers familiar with the many Hindu Gods (Lakshmi, Ganesh etc.) should note that these various personal Gods represent aspects or subsets of the Supreme God. They are presented as personifications so that people can meditate and focus on certain specific attributes of the Infinite. For the mind to focus and concentrate on the formless infinite is difficult, a picture helps bridge the gap. For more see this post: Understanding the Many Gods in Hinduism.

To apply any description to the Supreme Soul is to limit and bind that which is limitless and boundless. All we can say is that the Absolute Reality is *satyam*, (Truth), *jnanam* (Consciousness) and *anantam*, (Infinite).

His essential nature is *sat-chit-ananda*: (Sat) Absolute Being – He encompasses everything because there is nothing outside of him; (Chit) Absolute Consciousness – He is the complete consciousness who has Absolute Knowledge; and (Ananda) Absolute Bliss – He is eternal joy and no suffering.

A beautiful and profound description of God found in the Upanishads (dating ~800 BC); as translated by S. Radhakrishnan in his book "The Principal Upanishads".

God is neither manifest nor hidden; He is neither revealed nor unrevealed; there are no words to tell that which He is. He is without form, without quality, without decay.

Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941). His breathtaking literary works which can be freely downloaded at our website, are a must read for any seeker of spiritual wisdom.

The eye cannot see it; the mind cannot grasp it.

The deathless Self (the Supreme Soul or God) has neither caste nor race,
Neither eyes, nor ears, nor hands, nor feet,
Sages, this Self is infinite, present in the great and in the small,
Everlasting and changeless, the source of life.

A quote on God in the Mundaka Upanishad, translated by Eknath Easwaran in his book "The Dhammapada".

Whatever character our theology may ascribe to him, in reality God is the infinite ideal of Man, towards whom men move in their collective growth, with whom they seek their union of love as individuals, in whom they find their ideal of father, friend and beloved.

A quote from the book "The Religion of Man" by Rabindranath Tagore.

Is There Only One God, or Are There Many?

God is one and the same to all. Because this world is a diverse place, the oneness of God has got lost in the different paths (religions) followed to realize him. Just as there is one Sun that sheds its warmth equally on all (even though the Sun is called by different names, in the many languages of the world), so too is there only one God who loves all equally.

The grand truth hidden behind this diversity of creation is that of Unity. Behind the many is One. An infinite God must be infinitely creative, and therefore you see a profusion of variety, be it flowers, or animals or people. It is one principle that we see manifesting as many.

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God is One. There cannot be two or more. For if there were two God's who created them? There must have been someone who came before them. Therefore God is only One – One Final Absolute Existence. Everything else is a manifestation of Him.

Swami Rama.

There is but one soul throughout the universe, all is but one existence — "Thou art in the woman, thou in the man, thou in the young man walking in the pride of youth, thou in the old man tottering on his stick — thou art All — in all, in everything, and I am thee, because I am made from thee."

Swami Vivekananda translating a verse from the Svetasvatara Upanishad.

Ekam sat vipra bahudha vadanti. "God is one, whom the sages call by various names". This is the one grand truth that the Upanishads teach.

God is one the paths to reach him (religions) are many – just as different rivers, originating in different mountains, traverse different paths, flowing straight or crooked, and at last join the ocean. He is the one Lord of all, the one Soul of all souls.

A Sanskrit quote on God, beautifully explained by Swami Vivekananda.

We must know that all worship is given unto the same God whatever be its name or the form. Whether our knees are bending towards the Kaballah, or kneeling in a Christian Church, or a Buddhist Temple – all are kneeling unto One God.

In whatever name or form they are offered, all these flowers are laid at God's feet, for He is the one Lord of all, the one Soul of all souls.

Compiled from the teachings of Swami Vivekananda.

Oh Lord, you are Brahma, you are Ahura Mazda, you are the strength of Jehovah and you are Jesus too. You are Rudra, you are Vishnu, you are Ram-Krishna, you are Rahim and Tao too.

It is not that Christ is superior to Allah, not that Allah is everything and Brahma is nothing, but it is the same one whom you call either Brahma or Allah, or Almighty, or by a hundred other names. The names are different but God is one and the same.

Compiled from the teachings of Vinoba Bhave and Swami Vivekananda.

God is pure, and the same to all.

Swami Vivekananda.

Would an Infinite God Send Only One Messenger to Guide All of Humanity?

In a world as big as ours, spread out over seven continents, with its varied civilizations flourishing in near isolation from one another (for much of history), it is only rational that one messenger would not be sufficient to awaken humanity. A quick look at history will confirm that from time to time, God has been sending his messengers, to different parts of the world, in order to guide his diverse children.

There came the great spirits of Moses, Jesus and Mohammed to the West, along with the sages of the Upanishads, Krishna and Buddha to the East; all of whom preached the same universal ideals of love, compassion, truth, peace and justice. These great teachers of the world, by the grace of God, all witnessed the same Reality and preached it to their people, and thus arose the many religions of the world.

It is sheer superstition and misery to think that the Lord can manifest himself in man only once and once alone. That is the whole mistake. Because in nature whatever happens once, must have been happening and must happen always.

There is a passage in the Bhagavad Gita where Lord Krishna says: "Whenever virtue subsides and immorality prevails, whenever the world is going down, I come and help it forward; and this I have been doing from time to time and place to place. Therefore whenever you find a great soul of immense power and purity, struggling to raise humanity, know that I am there, and fall down and worship".

Let us therefore find God not only in Jesus, but in all the great ones that have preceded him, in all that came after him, and all that are yet to come. Let our worship be unbounded and free, because they are all manifestations of the same infinite God. Thus our salutations go to all the past prophets whose teachings and lives we have inherited whatever might have been their race, colour or birth.

An excerpt of a lecture given by Swami Vivekananda on "Christ the Messenger" from the book "Speeches and Writings of Swami Vivekananda".

Why did God Create this World?

The world is a revelation of God's nature. To the question, why does a perfect being instead of remaining eternally concentrated in itself, suffer the accident of manifesting the world, the answer is that manifesting is the very nature of God.

We need not seek a cause or a motive or a purpose for that which is, in its nature, eternally self-existent and free.

S. Radhakrishnan explaining the teachings of Gaudapada.

God finds himself by creating.

Rabindranath Tagore.

The Upanishads say: "From joy does spring all this Creation, by joy is it maintained, towards joy does it progress, and into joy does it enter."

It means that God's Creation has not its source in any necessity; it comes from his fullness of joy; it is his love that creates, therefore in Creation is his own revealment.

Rabindranath Tagore explaining a breathtakingly powerful quote on God, from the Upanishads, in his book <u>Sadhana – The Realisation of Life</u>. This book is a profound collection of his essays on spirituality, one you will find difficult to put down!

Love is the only reality and it is not a mere sentiment. It is the ultimate truth that lies at the

heart of Creation. From love the world is born, by love it is sustained, towards love it moves, and into love it enters.

Rabindranath Tagore.

It is said in one of the Upanishads: "It is not that thou lovest thy son because thou desirest him, but thou lovest thy son because thou desirest thine own soul."

The meaning of this is, that whomsoever we love, in him we find our own soul in the highest sense. The final truth of our existence lies in this. God, the Supreme Soul, is in me, as well as in my son, and my joy in my son is the realisation of this truth.

Rabindranath Tagore.

Joy is everywhere; it is in the earth's green covering of grass; in the blue serenity of the sky; in the reckless exuberance of spring; in the living flesh that animates our bodily frame; in the acquisition of knowledge; in fighting evils; in dying for gains we never can share.

Joy is there everywhere; it is superfluous, unnecessary; nay, it very often contradicts the most peremptory behests of necessity. It exists to show that the bonds of law can only be explained by love; they are like body and soul. Joy is the realisation of the truth of oneness, the oneness of our soul with the world and of the world-soul with the supreme lover.

An amazing quote from Rabindranath Tagore's book Sadhana – The Realization of Life.

Everything has sprung from immortal life and is vibrating with life, for life is immense! Rabindranath Tagore.

All existence is a manifestation of God. Sri Aurobindo (1872-1950).

What is the Purpose of this World?

This complex evolving universe is a progressive manifestation of the powers of the Supreme Spirit from matter to spiritual freedom. The purpose of cosmic evolution is to reveal the spirit underlying it.

God lives, feels and suffers in every one of us, and in course of time, His attributes, knowledge, beauty and love will be revealed in each of us.

An amazing quote about God in the Upanishads (dating ~800 BC); as translated by S. Radhakrishnan in his book "The Principal Upanishads".

The entire purpose of manifest existence is simply to facilitate the realization of who and what you really are. There is nothing more or other.

Metta Zetty, spiritual teacher and mentor.

We are here to awaken to the reality of our true identity – that we are sparks of the Eternal Imperishable Spirit, who is the source of all Creation and the very essence of our being. Shriram Sharma Acharya.

The wise men understood that this natural world is only an image of paradise. The existence of this world is simply a guarantee that there exists a world that is perfect. God created the world so that, through its visible objects, men could understand his spiritual teachings and the marvels of his wisdom.

A beautiful quote about God by Paulo Coelho, author of the best-selling book "The Alchemist: A Fable about following your Dream".

The revealment of the infinite in the finite, which is the motive of all Creation, is not seen in its perfection in the starry heavens, or in the beauty of flowers – it is in the soul of man.

A line in Rabindranath Tagore's book Sadhana – The Realisation of Life.

Life is a direct and immediate experience of the infinite manifesting through the finite in the present moment. We simply do not recognize it as such because of our narrow focus on the finite.

Metta Zetty, spiritual teacher and mentor.

In our desire for eternal life we pray for an eternity of our habit and comfort, forgetting that immortality is in repeatedly transcending the definite forms of life in order to pursue the infinite truth of life.

Rabindranath Tagore.

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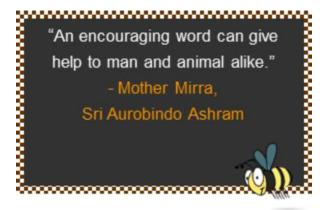
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